

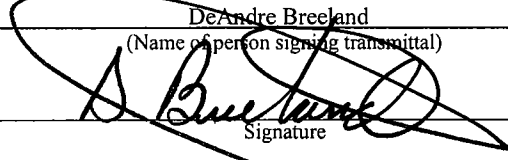
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Motoki Kato, et al.
Serial No. : 10/018,836
For : ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD, RECORDING
MEDIUM AND PROGRAM
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on November 20, 2006, having
a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on February 20, 2007, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins
on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.